## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCROSURE

The ink jet recording apparatus includes an image forming device for forming an image on a recording medium by ejecting ink containing a solvent and color particles dispersed in the solvent, a fixing device for fixing the image formed on the recording medium by the image forming device, a collecting device for selectively collecting air containing the solvent from an atmosphere in proximity to the fixing device, and a removing device for removing the solvent from the solvent-containing air collected by the collecting device.